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Sixtieth session

10 a.m. . . . 69th plenary meeting . . . General Assembly Hall

1. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa (A/60/L.44) . . . [47]
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4. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/60/L.34 and A/60/L.35) . . . [73 (a)]
5. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/60/463; draft resolution XXIV) . . . [97]
6. International migration and development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/490/Add.3; draft resolution II) . . . [54 (c)]
7. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/60/491/Add.1; draft resolution) . . . [55 (a)]
8. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/60/503; draft resolutions IV and VI) . . . [64]
9. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/60/505; draft resolution II) . . . [67]
10. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/60/509/Add.2 (Part I); draft resolution) . . . [71 (b)]

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11. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/60/509/Add.3; draft resolution VI) . . . . . [71 (c)]

12. Reports of the Fifth Committee[1]

[1] The Assembly will take up the remaining items upon availability of documentation of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Closing of the session

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 23 December 2005

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation, convened by the Chair-designate of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, on Wednesday, 4 January 2006, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be held from 9 to 20 January 2006, is *open*. To inscribe on the list, please contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; or e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Informal briefing

The Chairperson of the Commission for Social Development, H.E. Mr. Ernesto Aranibar Quiroga (Bolivia), will hold an informal briefing for all interested delegations on the preparations for the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Wednesday, 18 January 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m., in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the forty-fourth session are contained in document E/CN.5/2006/1.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (16-19 January 2006) will take place on Wednesday, 11 January 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing will focus in particular on the agenda items related to the annual report of the Executive Director to the Economic and Social Council (item 3); the biennial support budget for 2006-2007(item 5); the health and nutrition strategy (item 8), and the water, sanitation and hygiene strategy (item 10). The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in document E/ICEF/2006/1[1]. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2006

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 16-19 January 2006 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2006/1[1]. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 13 January 2006.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

[1] To be issued.

Joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of WFP, will be held on Friday, 20 January (in the Trusteeship Council Chamber), and on Monday, 23 January 2006 (in the Economic and Social Council Chamber).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, as follows:

Monday, 9 January 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6: on the overview of findings and recommendations of the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP and the UNDP management response; and

Wednesday, 11 January 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: on the UNIFEM organizational assessment (A/60/62-E/2005/10), chaired by H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan), Chairman of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM.

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 2006, on Monday, 9 January 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

First regular session 2006

The first regular session 2006 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 24 January, to Friday, 27 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2006/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but not later than Friday, 13 January 2006.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 20 January, and Monday, 23 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. Prior to the convening of the joint meeting, there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 20 January, at 10 a.m., to elect its new Bureau for 2006.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 5 December 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 20 December 2005

General Assembly
Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

34th meeting

The summary of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2005/249).

Wednesday, 21 December 2005

General Assembly
Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

35th meeting

The summary of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2005/249).

Thursday, 22 December 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

68th plenary meeting

Introduction of the reports of the Second Committee

The Rapporteur of the Second Committee introduced the reports of the Second Committee on agenda items 38, 49, 50 and its sub-items (a) to (c), 51, 52 and its sub-items (a) to (d), (e) together with (i) and (f) to (h), 53, 54 and its sub-items (a) to (d), 55 and its sub-items (a) and (b), 56 and its sub-items (a) to (c), 57 and its sub-items (a) and (b), 58 and its sub-items (a) and (b), 59, 73 (b) and 116.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee which were before the Assembly.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/60/484) . . . . . [38]

By 156 votes to 6, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/60/484) (resolution 60/183).

The representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 38.

Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/485) . . . . . [49]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/485).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 49.

Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/60/486) . . [50]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/60/486).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 50.

International trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/486/Add.1) [50 (a)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/60/486/Add.1).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 60/184)	121	1	51
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 60/185)	120	1	50

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representatives of El Salvador, Cuba and Nigeria made statements on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 50.

International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/486/Add.2) [50 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/486/Add.2) (resolution 60/186).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 50.

External debt crisis and development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/486/Add.3) [50 (c)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/60/486/Add.3) (resolution 60/187).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 50 and of agenda item 50 as a whole.

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/487) [51]

The representative of Barbados made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report, as orally corrected (A/60/487) (resolution 60/188).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 51.

Sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488) [52]

The representative of Switzerland made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I, as orally corrected, and draft resolutions II and III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 25 of its report (A/60/488) (resolutions 60/189, 60/190 and 60/191).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 52.

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488/Add.1) [52 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I and draft resolution II, as orally corrected, recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/60/488/Add.1) (resolutions 60/192 and 60/193).

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/60/488/Add.1).

The representatives of Monaco, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Belgium made statements in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 52.

Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488/Add.2) . . [52 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/488/Add.2) (resolution 60/194).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 52.

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488/Add.3) . . . . . [52 (c)]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/60/488/Add.3) (resolutions 60/195 and 60/196).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 52.

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488/Add.4) . . . . . [52 (d)]

By 170 votes to 2, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/60/488/Add.4).

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/60/488/Add.4) (resolution 60/197).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 52.

Sustainable development in mountain regions; Rendering assistance to poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488/Add.5) . . . . . [52 (e) and (i)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/488/Add.5) (resolution 60/198).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) and (i) of agenda item 52.

Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488/Add.6) [52 (f)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/60/488/Add.6) (resolution 60/199).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 52.

Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488/Add.7) . . . . . [52 (g)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 24 of its report (A/60/488/Add.7).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) Fourth preambular paragraph	54	33	68
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) Seventh preambular paragraph	97	27	25
Draft resolution I (recordedvote) Draft resolution as a whole, as orally corrected (resolution 60/200)	120	1	47
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) Eighteenth preambular paragraph	168	2	0
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) Draft resolution as a whole (resolution 60/201)		Adopted	

The representatives of Guatemala, the United States, Israel, the Syrian Arab Republic and Nigeria made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representatives of Brazil, Myanmar, the Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Colombia, Qatar, Namibia and Panama made statements on a point of order.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/60/488/Add.8) [52 (h)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report, as orally corrected (A/60/488/Add.8) (resolution 60/202).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 52 and of agenda item 52 as a whole.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): report of the Second Committee (A/60/489) [53]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/60/489) (resolution 60/203).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 53.

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/60/490) [54]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/60/490).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 54.

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/60/490/Add.1) [54 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/490/Add.1) (resolution 60/204).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 54.

Science and technology for development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/490/Add.2) . . . . . [54 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/490/Add.2) (resolution 60/205).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 54.

International migration and development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/490/Add.3) . . . . . [54 (c)]

The Acting President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 15 of its report was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/60/490/Add.3) (resolution 60/206).

The representative of Argentina made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 54.

Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin: report of the Second Committee (A/60/490/Add.4) . . . . . [54 (d)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/60/490/Add.4) (resolution 60/207).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 54.

Groups of countries in special situations: report of the Second Committee (A/60/491 and A/60/491/Corr.1) . . . . . [55]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/60/491).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 55.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/60/491/Add.1) . . . . . [55 (a)]

The Acting President informed the General Assembly that action on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report A/60/491/Add.1 was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/60/491/Add.2) . . . . . [55 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/60/491/Add.2) (resolution 60/208).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 55.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: report of the Second Committee (A/60/492) . . . . . [56]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/60/492).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 56.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006): report of the Second Committee (A/60/492/Add.1) . . . . . [56 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/60/492/Add.1) (resolution 60/209).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 56.

Women in development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/492/Add.2) [56 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/60/492/Add.2) (resolution 60/210).

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in explanation of vote.

The observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 56.

Human resources development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/492/Add.3) [56 (c)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/60/492/Add.3) (resolution 60/211).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 56 and of agenda item 56 as a whole.

Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/60/493) [57]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/60/493).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 57.

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/60/493/Add.1) . . . . . [57 (a)]

By 172 votes to 1 (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/493/Add.1).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 57.

South-South cooperation: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries: report of the Second Committee (A/60/493/Add.2) . . . . . [57 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/493/Add.2) (resolution 60/212).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 57 and of agenda item 57 as a whole.

Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/60/494) . . . . . [58]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/60/494).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58.

(a) *United Nations Institute for Training and Research: report of the Second Committee (A/60/494/Add.1)*

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/60/494/Add.1) (resolution 60/213).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 58.

(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy: report of the Second Committee (A/60/494/Add.2)

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/60/494/Add.2) (resolution 60/214).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 58 and of agenda item 58 as a whole.

Towards global partnerships: report of the Second Committee (A/60/495) . . . . . [59]

The representative of the Czech Republic made a statement.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/60/495) (resolution 60/215), as orally corrected.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 59.

Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: report of the Second Committee (A/60/496 and A/60/496/Corr.1) . . . . . [73 (b)]

The representative of Djibouti made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I, draft resolution II, as orally corrected, and draft resolutions III to V recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 26 of its report (A/60/496 and A/60/496/Corr.1) (resolutions 60/216, 60/217, 60/218, 60/219 and 60/220).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 73.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Second Committee (A/60/497) . . . . . [116]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/60/497).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 116.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee before it.

Postponement of date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess from Thursday, 22 December, to Friday, 23 December 2005.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General

United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts
New York, 23 November 2005

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel

New York, 8 December 2005

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 23 November 2005 during the 53rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly by resolution 60/21 (A/RES/60/21). In accordance with its article 16, the Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 16 January 2006 to 16 January 2008 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The above Optional Protocol was adopted on 8 December 2005 during the 61st plenary meeting of the General Assembly by resolution 60/42. In accordance with its article IV, the Optional Protocol shall be open for signature by all States from 16 January 2006 to 16 January 2007 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Certified true copies of the Convention and Optional Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention and/or Optional Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaida'ie

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Barbados
H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett

Western European and other States:
Canada
H.E. Mr. Allan Rock<

Daily list of

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 22 December 2005.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/PV.23	Meeting held on 23 September 2005, 3 p.m. [R S]
A/60/PV.33	Meeting held on 14 October 2005, 10 a.m. [S]
A/60/PV.42	Meeting held on 1 November 2005, 10 a.m. [F]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

A/C.4/60/SR.8 Meeting held on 13 October 2005, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/60/SR.10 Meeting held on 17 October 2005, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/60/SR.20 Meeting held on 3 November 2005, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

General Assembly	Documents
	Sixtieth session
A/60/7/Add.30	Items 45 and 124 — Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Programme budget implications on the draft resolution on the preparation and organization of the 2006 follow-up meeting on the implementation of the declaration of commitment on HIV/AIDS contained in document A/60/L.43 — Thirty-first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/60/7/Add.31	Item 124 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates — Thirty-second report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
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